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## **Attempted Murder Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives have arrested and charged a suspect in connection with an attempted murder investigation. The incident occurred Thursday, February 19, 2015 in the 6800 Block of Joppa Avenue.

The suspect has been identified as:

**Joshua Hester, B/M, 21, of Birmingham, Alabama.** An Attempted Murder warrant and Discharging Firearm into an Occupied Vehicle warrant has been obtained against the suspect. Both warrants have a \$400,000 bond each. The suspect is in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail.

Our investigation revealed the suspect is the individual responsible for shooting at a Birmingham Police Officer. On 2/19/2015, a Birmingham Police Officer was assisting a citizen who reported being robbed by three unknown black males earlier that morning. While the officer sat in his patrol car attempting to complete an incident report for the victim, the officer began receiving gunfire into his vehicle. The officer responded immediately by moving his vehicle quickly to another location. The officer's patrol car was struck several times along with a shattered door window. Thankfully, no one was injured.

The Birmingham Police Department was determined and committed to apprehending the individual that decided to try and kill a Birmingham Police Officer. Good old fashion policing and great investigative techniques by investigators and task force members proved to be the key to swiftly apprehending this ruthless suspect.

If there is anyone who has additional information pertaining to this case, they are encouraged to contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 254-7777.